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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT : Status of Agency Safety Program

REFERENCES : a. President's Letter dtd 11 October 5A 6-1457
1954 to the Heads of all Departments
and Independent Agencies.

b. Philip Young's Letter dtd 14
October 1955 re: Standards for Annual
Selection of Recipient of the President's
Safety Award. *at DDS 55-71*

1. Reference a. is a letter from the President in which he requests "the head of each Government department and agency to review the accident experiences and the safety program of his organization and to take all necessary steps to reduce accidents."

2. Reference b. is a letter from the White House, signed by Mr. Philip Young in which he refers to the President's Safety Award to be presented to the agency or department which makes the greatest progress in accident prevention. Mr. Young further mentions that the Federal Safety Council has prepared standards to be used as a basis for selecting the recipient of the award. One criterion particularly emphasized by Mr. Young, requires documentary evidence to establish that the executive head of an agency "supports, encourages, and insists on the establishment and continuance of a comprehensive safety program." He further urges that each agency or department head make known to all employees his personal interest in supporting safety improvement. In order to comply with this request, it is suggested *5*

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that the Director may wish to issue a notice to all Agency employees and a proposed draft of such a notice will be forwarded to the Regulations Control Staff for coordination and issuance.

3. From an initial review of the "Standards for Annual Selection of Recipient of the President's Safety Award," it does not appear that this Agency can compete for the award because of the security problems posed in furnishing the type of information required for participation. I believe, however, that you would want to know that this Agency is endeavoring to comply with both the letter and the spirit of the President's letter of 11 October 1954. Considerable improvement in the comprehensive safety program of the Agency has been effected in the past year as indicated by the accomplishments listed in the attached papers.

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Acting Director of Security

Enclosure:
List of Accomplishments.